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Lebanon

Saudi-Syrian Talks — Noting Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's return to Damascus after concluding talks with Saudi King Fahd, Damascus television said the Syrian and Saudi leaders displayed "identical views" in assessing the situation and "the inherent dangers" presented by the Lebanese-Israeli draft agreement. The two sides agreed to take "unilateral and joint steps to tackle the situation and help Lebanon fend off the dangers inherent in the approval of the draft agreement in the form imposed by Israel," the television added. Syrian Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam announced to Saudi journalists in remarks reported by SANA that the Syrian and Saudi leaders reached joint conclusions on Lebanon. After detailing Syria's objections to the agreement, Khaddam said it constitutes a "direct threat" to Syria and the future of the Arab World. Claiming an Israeli attack on Syrian forces in Lebanon is "likely," Khaddam said that, while Syria would be responsible for checking any such "aggression," the Soviet Union would fulfill its treaty commitments to Syria. He also expressed hope that the Arabs would support Syria in accordance with the Arab joint defense pact.

Syrian and Saudi media continued to present differing views on the draft agreement concluded during Secretary of State Schultz' tour. While a Damascus radio commentary reiterated Syria's strong opposition to Shultz' "conspiratorial plan," SPA quoted the Riyadh daily AL-JAZIRAH as saying that Shultz' "success" demonstrates U.S. ability to solve or complicate any crisis and is linked to the "previous record of effective American pressure on the Israeli enemy." The success of the Shultz mission also indicates U.S. ability to "expose the powers obstructing solutions" to the Middle East crisis, including parties directly involved or international powers like the Soviet Union, AL-JAZIRAH added.

PLO Condemnation of Agreement — The PLO condemns the U.S.-sponsored Lebanese-Israeli draft and rejects Lebanese measures against Palestinians in Lebanon "as a price for this agreement," PLO spokesman 'Abd al-Muhsin Abu Mayzar announced at a Damascus press conference reported by KUNA. Asserting that the PLO cannot support any agreement that harms the Palestinian cause, Abu Mayzar said the PLO's presence in Lebanon is governed by bilateral Arab and international accords that cannot be abrogated unilaterally.

Negotiations, Israeli Position — Presidential envoy Philip Habib brought Lebanon's clarifications to Jerusalem and subsequently returned to Lebanon to brief President Amin al-Jumayyil on the results of his talks with Israeli officials, according to Jerusalem and Beirut radio reports. In view of the uncertainty created by the Syrian position, Israeli and Lebanese delegation leaders David Kimche and Antoine Fattal will sign the agreement next week, IDF Radio reported citing Israeli "political circles." The Lebanese have not provided many of the clarifications Israel seeks because of Syrian pressure, the radio added.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that if the Syrians do not leave Lebanon Israel will not be bound to withdraw and will be able to "do as it pleases" in implementing the agreement, the radio noted. Shamir also confirmed that the draft agreement contains secret understandings and appendices.

Defense Minister Moshe Arens informed Likud MK's in remarks reported by IDF and Jerusalem radios that, although Israel is considering a unilateral withdrawal to southern Lebanon, such a move would induce the Syrians and the "terrorists" to enter the area evacuated by the IDF, thus turning the Al-Awwali River into "a line of attrition." This possibility would be unattractive and a unilateral withdrawal would thus be convenient only in the short term, he asserted.

Soviet Moves, Policy — Some 115 Soviet personnel left Beirut on 9 May, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Noting the Soviet Embassy's claim that the move is part of the normal pattern of Soviet families returning home for the summer vacation, the radio pointed out that such vacations have not yet started. IDF sources cited by Jerusalem radio said the move is a result of Soviet fear that the IDF's exit from the Ash-Shuf Mountains will lead to fierce Druze-Christian clashes. In another development TASS reported that the Soviet Union "resolutely denounces the policy of diktat toward Lebanon" embodied in the terms of the agreement which the United States and Israel are "jointly imposing" in an attempt to make Lebanon "Israel's hireling."

Ash-Shuf Situation — Druze-Christian clashes continued in the Ash-Shuf area, according to Beirut radio. The Voice of Lebanon said the Druze sustained "dozens" of casualties in an attack on Phalangist positions in Al-Mtullah. In a statement reported by the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio, the Progressive Socialist Party stated that a cease-fire must be accompanied by implementation of the 1982 agreement that requires the evacuation of the Ash-Shuf by Phalangist militia who came from outside the area.

PLO

The PLO leadership is "studying" possible transfer of its headquarters from Tunisia to Damascus, according to an unidentified Palestinian source cited by San'a' Voice of Palestine radio. The source said such a step is contemplated because of the "positive development" in Palestinian-Syrian relations following Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's meeting with Syrian President al-Asad. Meanwhile, Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council issued a statement in Damascus accusing the PLO leadership of kidnapping and killing five of its members over the weekend in Al-Biqa' and threatening Yasir 'Arafat and other PLO leaders with punishment, Amman television reported.

Jordan

Two separate bombings against private U.S. establishments took place in Amman on 9 May, according to an Interior Ministry spokesman cited by Amman television. The two explosions caused only light material damage, the spokesman added.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Three Iranian vessels were destroyed by Iraq in coordinated attacks by its naval and air units in the area between the Nowruz and Ardashir oilfields, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio. The communique added that the Iranian Navy sustained "grave losses" as a result of the attacks. An Iranian military communique broadcast by Tehran radio on 9 May did not mention any naval activity.

Meanwhile, in a report broadcast by Tehran radio, Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani told army personnel that Iran would bombard Iraqi cities only if it were to decide to achieve victory "at any price" or deemed it to be in the interest of Islam and the region. Although Iran still does not consider it advisable to attack Iraqi cities because it does not want to see the Iraqi people rendered homeless, Hashemi-Rafsanjani went on, this does not mean that Iran is not capable of retaliating or that it will "wait forever" for a favorable Iraqi response. The army has demonstrated its ability to penetrate Iraq when necessary, he said, but will refrain because it values the lives of its soldiers and is trying to "end the war with as few martyrs as possible." Asserting that war's objective is not martyrdom but victory, he told the soldiers that society needs them and therefore they should "go to the front to win and return safely."

Iran

New Ministry — The Majlis approved draft legislation for the creation of an Information Ministry, Tehran radio reported. Its function will be "to obtain and develop security and overseas intelligence," to provide protection, and to carry out counterintelligence operations against "domestic and foreign enemies."

Kordestan Operations — Iranian security forces operating in Kurdish regions brought under full control an area more than 90 km in depth along the sensitive Saqqez-Marivan axis in a three-stage operation during the past 10 days, according to Tehran radio.

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Resistance Groups To Shift Headquarters to Interior

Geneva Talks Called 'Futile'

BK091728 Hong Kong AFP in English 1722 GMT 9 May 83

[By Michel Martin-Roland]

[Text] Islamabad, May 9 (AFP) — The heads of the two principal Afghan resistance groups announced here today that they would soon shift their headquarters from Peshawar in Pakistan to the interior of Afghanistan.

Burhanuddin Rabbani, chief of Jami'at-e Eslami, and Yunus Khalis, leader of Hezb-e Eslami, said at a press conference here that they were shifting their headquarters to boost "the morale and combativeness" of their forces.

The Afghan resistance has been fighting Soviet occupation and Kabul government forces for the last three years.

The two party leaders insisted that their decision was not due to any outside pressures. However, Pakistani authorities have been seeking to curb the freedom of action of the Afghan resistance units operating out of the frontier city of Peshawar. They have advised several groups to stop issuing publications and to shift their headquarters outside the city itself.

Mr. Rabbani, whose group is considered the best organized and most powerful of the resistance, told newsmen that he had awaited the results of the conference on Afghanistan organized under the auspices of the United Nations at Geneva before announcing his decision to go to the "front."

The Jami'at Eslami chief said the talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan were "futile" since the resistance groups are not represented.

Both leaders said they had no need of a base in Pakistan and that their shift to Afghan territory, which they said would be accomplished within two months, would not reduce the amount of supplies reaching the rebels from this country.

Mr. Khalis said he hoped the heads of the five other resistance movements, which are members of the fundamentalist alliance, would follow their example. It is believed here that the two men also fear that the popularity of their deputies inside Afghanistan may undercut their leadership.

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of a second Hezb-e Eslami party who has been repeatedly accused of causing divisions in resistance ranks, has indicated that he has no intention of going back to his homeland until the fundamentalist alliance to which his group also belongs returns to Afghanistan from Pershawar.

Meanwhile, Mr. Rabbani also announced at the press conference that a Cuban officer, captured three months ago in western Afghanistan, was being held prisoner by resistance forces. The officer was "of very high rank" and was seized near Herat when a Soviet reconnaissance convoy was ambushed, Mr.Rabbani said. Mr. Rabbani said the officer's fate would be decided in the light of conversations he held recently with Red Cross officials in Geneva.

"We are now revising our policy in respect to prisoners of war," Mr. Rabbani said, "because we are afraid that Soviet soldiers handed over to the Red Cross in the past were killed when they returned to their own country."

He added that no resistance fighters captured by the Kabul regime or Soviet troops had ever been freed.

Seven Soviet soldiers seized by Afghan rebels have been handed over to the Red Cross and then repatriated.

Resistance forces' reports of the presence of Cuban troops in Afghanistan have never been confirmed.

Western diplomats in Kabul say Cuban counselors are active in the captial, but cannot confirm that the Latin Americans have assumed a combat role in the Afghan fighting.

SPA: USSR Reportedly Supplying Heroin, Hashish

LD062230 Riyadh SPA in English 1936 GMT 6 May 83

[Text] London, May 6, SPA — Soviet Union is sending huge supplies of heroin, hashish and alcohol to Afghanistan to create addiction among young people and deprive them of their Moslem character, the AFGHAN PRESS AGENCY said here today.

The agency said the drugs were being distributed free through the so-called "friendship houses".

The agency went on to say that conscripts were being forced to take heroin and hashish.

Wine is being provided in educational institutions to turn students into drinkers, the agency added.

Karmal,Keshtmand Congratulate CSSR Leaders

LD100627 Kabul Bakhtar in English 0418 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Kabul, May 9, BAKHTAR — A congratulatory telegram has been sent by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, and Sultan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, to Gustav Husak, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party and president of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, and Lubomir Strougal, premier of CSSR, on the occasion of national day of Czechoslovakia.

The telegram expressed confidence that the fraternal relations and fruitful cooperation will further develop and strengthen between the two countries based on the treaty of friendship and cooperation between the DRA and CSSR.

Dhaka University Closure Order Withdrawn 9 May
BK091342 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] The government has withdrawn the order which had closed down the Dhaka University. This was officially announced in Dhaka today. The university authority has been given necessary directives to take immediate and appropriate measures in this regard.

Government Won't Accept Returnees From Assam
BK090310 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] A government spokesman in Dhaka has said that Bangladesh will not accept any of the foreign nationals in Assam that the agitators are demanding to be expelled. He said his country is confident that the Government of India will be able to handle the situation in Assam.

Joint Rivers Commission With India Meets 9 May
BK091346 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] In Dhaka, Bangadesh and India today began a 2-day meeting on the sharing of the Ganges waters during the outgoing dry season.

After the meeting, a Joint Rivers Commission [JRC] source said that the meeting would continue tomorrow and also on Wednesday, when the two sides would inspect the observation site at Hardinge Bridge.

Mr Amjad Hossain Khan, member of the JRC, is leading a five-member Bangladesh team at the meeting, while the three-member Indian delegation is being led by Mr Rangachari, member of the JRC.

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British Grant — Dhaka, May 6 (BSS) — Bangladesh will receive about U.S.$10.9 million as grant from the United Kingdom to finance the oil/gas seismic survey project under an agreement signed between the two countries here Thursday. The grant is being given to Bangladesh under British technical cooperation funds. Under the project, seismic survey will be carried out in the hinge area located south-west of the river Padma in the dry seasons for oil and gas. [Text] [Dhaka BSS in English 1205 GMT 6 May 83 BK]

'Concern' Expressed Over Pakistan Press Reports

BK100301 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] India has conveyed to Pakistan its concern over continued publication of offensive material against it in the Pakistan press. The Indian ambassador, Mr K.D. Sharma, met the Pakistan foreign secretary, Mr Nias Naik, in Islamabad and handed over to him a set of objectionable materials published in the press there. He told him that this is causing concern to New Delhi at a time when the relations between the two countries are improving.

Sethi Comments on Developments in Punjab Situation

BK100358 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] The home minister minister has said that a formula has been worked out during the talks with the chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana on the Akali demands relating to river waters and territorial disputes. This has been conveyed to the Akali leaders and a reply is expected today.

Mr P.C. Sethi was replying to the 5-hour-long debate in the Lok Sabha last night on the Punjab situation, with special reference to recent disturbances in Patiala.

Referring to the demand made by several members to resume talks with the Akali leaders, Mr Sethi said the government is keen that the next round of talks should clinch the issues. On the demand for a judicial inquiry into the incidents in Patiala, Mr Sethi said he would convey the feelings of the members to the Punjab Government.

The Lok Dal members, who demanded a categorical assurance on this issue, staged a walkout. Agreeing with the members that the situation in Patiala continues to be tense, Mr Sethi assured the house that he would take the earliest opportunity to visit the strike-torn city. He expressed thhe hope that the peoples of Punjab will maintain communal harmony.

Speaking highly of the valor and patriotic spirit of the Sikhs, Mr Sethi said the majority of the community does not favor the separatist demand or extremist activities. He described the appointment of the screening committee by Sant Longowal to find out if any criminals are taking refuge in the Golden Temple complex as a welcome move indicative of some change in the attitude. He ruled out any talks with Bhindranwale, whom he described as a proclaimed offender.

Strongly refuting the opposition allegation that the ruling party encouraged communalism and extremism in Punjab, Mr Sethi pointed out that it was the Congress-I government which had banned the Dal Khalsa.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA says the special screening committee appointed by the Akali Dal forced some more undesirable persons to vacate Guru Ramdas Sarai [an inn] in the Golden Temple complex yesterday. A spokesman of the committee told the agency last night in Amritsar that the list of persons staying in the complex connected with some dubious Sikh organizations was supplied to the committee by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple Management] Committee, Akali Dal, and other Sikh bodies.

Meanwhile, normalcy has gradually started returning to Patiala. The curfew has been relaxed for 3 hours from 0600 to 0900 this morning. No untoward incident has been reported from the city. The United Council of Trade Unions and the trade union council took out a joint peace march in Jullundhur last evening to promote peace and communal harmony in Punjab.

Visits Patiala; Curfew Relaxed

BK100906 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] The union home minister, Mr P.C. Sethi, today visited Patiala. He met representatives of different political, social, and religious organizations. Later, talking to newsmen, he said he did not find any communal feelings anywhere in the city. He said the trouble in Patiala was created by a handful of antisocial elements. In reply to a question about the holding of a judicial inquiry into the violent incidents in Patiala, he said it is for the state government to decide about it. Curfew was relaxed this morning from 0600 to 0900. It is again being relaxed from 1500 to 1900. The curfew will, however, be reclamped from 1900 today till 0800 tomorrow. The All-India Radio Chandigarh correspondent, who visited the city today, found that normalcy is fast returning.

Punjab Leader's Appeal

BK091647 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] The Punjab chief minister, Mr Darbara Singh, has appealed to all political parties and leaders of various social and religious organizations to cooperate with the district administration in Patiala in the maintenance of peace and communal harmony. He was talking to newsmen in Chandigarh today.

Mr Darbara Singh reiterated that many criminals wanted by the police have been provided protection within the Golden Temple complex, Amritsar. He described as a coverup the recent screening reportedly carried out in the complex by a committee appointed by Sant Harchand Singh Longowal.

Charges of Election Unfairness of Jammu-Kashmir

BK100318 Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi 0230 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] In Jammu and Kashmir the opposition parties have accused the ruling national conference of misusing government machinery to improve its position in the forthcoming assembly elections. The leaders of the Congress-I, Bharatiya Janata, and Jammu-Kashmir Panthers parties have complained to the chief election officer about this.

Congress-I, 'Communist Movement' To Cooperate

BK091217 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] The All-India Communist Party has decided to make necessary amendments in the party program for constructive cooperation between the Congress-I and the communist movement. In a statement in New Delhi, the party leader, (Acharya Dipankaj), said this will counteract the right reactionary designs.

Expressing concern at the situation in Punjab, the party blamed foreign elements for inciting the extremists and separatists for violence. It called for dealing firmly with these elements and resolving the Punjab issue through negotiations.

Defense Minister Denies Report on Blackmail

BK091620 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] The defense minister, Mr R. Venkataraman, has described as ridiculous and utterly irresponsible a report published in a local fortnightly magazine from Delhi which alleged that the Army chief had blackmailed the prime minister for getting a recently announced concessions for Army personnel. The defense minister made the statement when a Congress-I member, Major General R.S. Sparrow, made a special mention on the subject.

Mr Venkataraman said that he has varified the report with the Army chief, who said there was no truth in it and the details in the article were a figment of imagination.

Crude Oil Import Figures Issued for 1983-84

BK091219 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Crude oil import during 1983-84 is expected to cost the country foreign exchange worth over 34.6 billion rupees at current prices. This was stated by the minister of state for petroleum, Mr Gargi Shankar Mishra, in the Rajya Sabha today. He said arrangements for the import of crude oil and petroleum products have been finalized with Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, and the Soviet Union. He said arrangements have also been made for the import of petroleum products of over 2.2 million tons from the Soviet Union.

Yaqub Khan Returns From Turkey, Views Upcoming Trip
BK091700 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan is to visit several countries in order to brief them on the outcome of the second round of indirect talks in Geneva on Afghanistan. He told newsmen at the Islamabad airport this evening that his visit is aimed at holding talks with the leaders of countries that are directly linked with an issue that is very important to Pakistan. Besides this, it also is aimed at preparing for the next round.

The foreign minister, who recently returned from a visit to Turkey, said that, during the talks, Turkey agreed that the process adopted by Pakistan for the solution of the issue is the best one. They agreed that the nature of relations of the two countries calls for regular contacts between Turkey and Pakistan on this issue of immediate importance.

On the Iran-Iraq war, he said both Turkey and Pakistan are gravely concerned about it and both of them have agreed that they are ready to offer their services to end this war if the concerned parties so desire.

Referring to the Palestine issue, he said that our stand on the issue is that it is of special importance to the Middle East problem and it is imperative to resolve this issue for the establishment of peace in the region. He said wholehearted efforts should be made for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon to achieve this end. He said that he also apprised the Turkish leaders of the latest situation in the efforts to normalize relations with India.

Referring to bilateral relations, the foreign minister said that they tried to further develop economic relations while the political relations between the two countries are exemplary.

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said that Turkish President Evren has repeated his invitation to President Mohammad Ziaul Haq to visit Turkey.

PRC Visit Set for 15-16 May
BK100626 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 10 May 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan next week will pay a visit to the People's Republic of China. During his 2-day stay in Beijing, 15 and 16 May, he will exchange views with Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian on matters of mutual interest.

The Pakistan foreign minister's visit will provide him with his first opportunity to have talks with his Chinese counterpart, who assumed office last November.

Minister Sanctions Baluchistan Development Projects
GF100516 Karachi DAWN in English 8 May 83 P 14

[Text] Quetta, May 7: Pakistan Planning Commission's Central Development Working Party, [CDWP], which met in Quetta today under the chairmanship of Dr. Mahbubul Haq, the federal minister for planning and development, has okayed five massive projects to be undertaken in Baluchistan. This includes the first phase of integrated mineral project of Saindak in Chagai District and the construction of Meerani Dam in Mekran Division.

These projects will now be referred for final approval to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council [ECNEC]. Provincial Governor, Lt.-Gen. Rahimuddin Khan, was also present in CDWP meeting which was held in two sessions.

Dr Mahbubul Haq, after the meeting, told a news conference that CDWP also approved construction of an alternate inter-provincial highway between Baluchistan and the Punjab via Sibi, Rakhni and Dera Ghazi Khan installation of a plant for assembly and progressive manufacture of Hino vehicles in Lasbela District and widening of pat-feeder canal in Sibi Division.

He said all these projects would be included in annual development programme [ADP] of 1983-84. Teams of experts, he added, would be visiting foreign countries to find out the available resources for these projects.

He told a questioner that Saindak Project was awaiting approval for the past 10 years and a number of feasibility reports were prepared in this connection. The first phase of the project comprising engineering study would be included in 1983-84 ADP after its final approval by the ECNEC, he stated.

He made it clear in reply to a question that the Saindak integrated mineral project would entirely be based in Baluchistan and its benificiaries would certainly be the people of the province.

While referring to Meerani Dam to be built on Dasht River in Mekran Division, the federal minister said that this project was awaiting its approval since 1967. Now, when this project, intended to irrigate 30,000 acres of virgin lands in Mekran area, had been approved by CDWP meeting, it would be referred to the ECNEC for its final approval. He said that work on Sibi-Rakhni Road would also be taken up during the next financial year and completed in three years time instead of five years.

He said that the project for widening of pat-feeder canal had a special significance for agricultural prosperity of the province. This project, he added, would help bring thousands of acres of land under cultivation.

He said the sixth five-year plan would come up for discussion and decision at the National Economic Council meeting to be held under the chairmanship of the president, Gen. Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Islamabad by the end of this month.

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Ambassador to Oman — The government has appointed Abdul Hamid Qureshi as ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. [Text] [Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 8 May 83 BK]

SRI LANKA

Antiterrorist Police Unit Set Up in North

BK031449 Hong Kong AFP in English 1432 GMT 3 May 83

[Text] Colombo, May 3 (AFP) — The Sri Lankan Government has decided to set up a 500-member anti-terrorist police unit as part of a new offensive against terrorism in the northern district of Jaffna, the SUN newspaper reported today.

This decision comes in the wake of the shooting of two politicians and one bodyguard of the ruling United National Party (UNP) and death threats made to politicians of the main parliamentary opposition group, the Tamil Union Liberation Movement.

Terrorist activity has been heightened due to the Jaffna District urban council elections to be held on May 18, the paper said.

Police Inspector General Rudra Rajasingham has given top priority to the recruitment of 1,000 additional police officers and three officers have already undergone training with the Indian Border Security Force Academy in Takanpur, the report added.

A terrorism prevention law was introduced about four years ago to combat increasing militancy among separatist Tamils. This has been a source of major irritation between President Junius Jayewardene's government and Tamil dissident groups.

Tamil 'Militants' Attempt To Disrupt Elections

BK040910 Hong Kong AFP in English 0857 GMT 4 May 83

[Text] Colombo, May 4 (AFP) — Postmen in the troubled north will receive protection from security forces after one was held up in the northern capital of Jaffna, it was reported today.

Armed youths yesterday waylaid a postman and robbed him of 1,500 polling cards sent to voters for the May 18 local elections.

Security forces believe it was a deliberate move by minority Tamil militants to disrupt the elections, reports said.

The militants are seeking an independent Tamil state in the north and reject the local elections.

Security forces anticipate further attempts to disrupt the elections and intimidate voters. They are offering protection to election staff as well as security at polling booths, the reports said.

TULF Leader's Car Hijacked

BK090816 Hong Kong AFP in English 0758 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Colombo, May 9 (AFP) — Armed Tamil separatists in northern Sri Lanka last night hijacked the official car of opposition leader Appapillai Amirthalingam, according to reports today from the northern capital of Jaffna.

Mr. Amirthalingam leads the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF).

A six-man gang armed with submachine guns and revolvers pushed the driver out of the car and drove off after firing several times in the air, the DAILY NEWS said.

Mr. Amirthalingam had alighted from the car a few moments earlier and was presiding over a meeting of the TULF, which is contesting the local government elections set for May 18.

The car was found later abandoned at a nearby cemetery with its windscreen shattered and tires deflated, reports said.

The militants oppose the elections and have called for a boycott. They have said that participation in the elections would legitimise the majority Sinhala government.

Tight security measures are being planned against attempts to disrupt the polling.

Gandhian Movement Termed 'Purely Social'

BK100547 Colombo SUN in English 30 Apr 83 p 8

[Text] The wife of the detained leader of the Gandhian Movement claimed yesterday that the movement was started purely as a social service organisation following the creed of Mahatma Ghandi.

Dr (Mrs) S. Rajasunderam, wife of the secretary to the movement, Dr S. Rajasunderam who is now in Army custody, made her statement at a news conference convened by the movement at the GCSU headquarters in Fort.

Explaining that the movement was forced to take over the Tamil refugee problem following the 1977 communal violence, Dr (Mrs) Rajasunderam said: We have now 46 settlements with over 45,000 families settled in these areas.

"We did not start the settlements. We were forced to move in when the estate Tamil refugees poured into these areas and just settled down. They had no shelter, they had no food, no clothing and at first even the government helped to provide shelter for these unfortunate people", she said.

She alleged that both her husband and S.A. David, the president of the movement, were arrested without any basis for such arrests and that both of them had been badly tortured at the Gurunagar security headquarters, where they are detained now.

Majlis Speaker: Martyrdom Not Chief Objective of War

LD091855 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 May 83

[Report on speech by Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani at 9 May meeting at Majlis with army personnel]

[Excerpts] I feel very humble before you who have seen the mutilated bodies of your friends in the battlefield, who have heard the bullets and the ringing noise of the shells. You have repeatedly reached the frontiers of martyrdom and are now going to the battlefronts voluntarily. I feel inferior before you.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani then added: The redundant parts of the revolution are being rejected daily and the revolution is being purged. So far, the liberals, the monarchists, the capitalists, the leftists, and the deviated minigroups have already been removed from the pure face of the revolution.

Only recently, our brothers dealt blows against the treacherous Tudeh Party, while continuing to cast off these redundant elements. At a time when the Islamic combatants are engaged in a war against the big enemy on the battlefront, their brothers inside the country are engaged in burning the roots of the agents of corruption.

Noting our forces on the battlefronts now have the initiative, the Majlis speaker said: If we should decide to fight the Iraqis and achieve victory at any price, then it would be sufficient to aim our artillery at Iraqi cities. Then you would see what would happen and what would be left of Iraq. You would see that pro-'Aflqa Saddam's regime would no longer be able to stand. However, we still do not consider this to be advisable; we do not wish to see the Iraqi people becoming homeless. Nevertheless, this does not mean we intend to wait forever. If it had been in the interest of Islam and the region, then we would have demonstrated that we are capable of doing this. As for our combatants, they too have shown that if it becomes necessary to cross over to Iraqi territory they can do so. This shows their might. But we will not do it, because the lives of our combatants are more precious than anything else. We are trying to end the war with as few martyrs as possible.

Alluding to the fact that to be martyred is not the objective in war, rather it is to be victorious and to defeat the enemy, he said: You who are going to the battlefield must not resort to any measure in order to be martyred, for martyrdom is not the chief objective of war. Go to the front to win and to return safely; then fight on the other fronts, for society needs you, who are like seasoned steel.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani's 'Silence' on Tudeh Noted

GF091746 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian 1500 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Mullah Akbar Rafsanjani [as heard] continues to maintain silence on the arrest of the Tudehites and the dissolution of the Iranian communist party — the Tudeh — in protest.

In today's session of the mullahs' Majlis, he merely mentioned the martyrs' families and expressed his condolences, but he did not comment on the situation of hapless Iran in the clutches of the imperialist lackey mullahs.

It is rumored in Tehran that Mullah Akbar Rafsanjani opposed the arrest of the Tudehites, the dissolution of the Tudeh Party, and the expulsion of the Soviet diplomats from Iran, but is unable to voice his opposition overtly because of his fear of the hojjatiyeh faction.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,310

LD091735 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 May 83

[Communique No 1,310 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. While expressing condolences on the anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Musa Kazim, may peace be upon him, a report on the military operations of the past 24 hours is brought to your attention.

On the southern fronts, exchange of fire continued between the brave combatants of Islam and the Saddamist forces. By bringing enemy communication routes under fire, our forces prevented enemy movements. Thanks to the altertness of our forces, enemy patrol activities aimed at penetrating our forces' positions were halted.

In the Abadan and Khorramshahr operational zone, our combative forces defended their positions and brought enemy positions and assembly points west of the Arvand Rud under fire, destroying 18 trenches, 6 observation posts, an ammunition dump, 4 fuel reservoirs,and a number of light and heavy weapons' emplacements.

On 7 May, on one of the southern fronts, an Iraqi soldier surrendered to the combatants of Islam.

On the western fronts, our heroic units halted enemy movements with their heavy and continuous artillery fire.

In the Nowsud border region, the forces of Islam brought enemy positions under fire, silencing their fire and while destroying two trenches, killed or injured a number of Iraqi personnel.

The brave tribal combatants, on the fronts assigned to them, by dispatching patrol groups to sensitive points and penetration routes, dealt blows to the enemy, and continued defending their regions with complete control.

On the Marivan front, thanks to our forces'artillery fire on enemy positions near (Kukhlan) and Hargineh, a number of trenches together with their crews were destroyed.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Majlis Approves Establishment of Information Ministry

LD091358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] The Islamic Consultative Assembly this morning held an open session, which was presided over by Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani. The Majlis speaker conveyed condolences on the martyrdom of the seventh imam, the innocent imam, a man who spent most of his life in the dungeons of the tyrants of his time, to the distinguished imam, the leader of the revolution, and to our martyr-nurturing nation.

Our correspondent reports that at today's session draft legislation on setting up an Information Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran went through its second reading.

After discussions and debate on the suggestions submitted by deputies and explanations provided by the interior minister, by the minister of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of the Islamic Republic of Iran,and by a representative from the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, six articles of the draft legislation were approved and further discussions on the matter were scheduled for the next open session.

Article 1 of the draft says: In order to obtain and develop security and overseas intelligence, to provide protection, to carry out counterintelligence operations and obtain intelligence, and to gain the necessary information relating to the intentions of domestic and foreign enemies in order to thwart and counter their plots against the country's Islamic Revolution and the Iranian Islamic republican system an Information Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be set up.

Note 1: Military intelligence matters will be the responsibility of military bodies in coordination with the Ministry of Information.

Note 2: Overt specialist intelligence of any kind will be the responsibility of the specialized body concerned.

Note 3: All ministries, government organizations and companies, military and security forces, and institutions who handle security matters in their specialized fields that might be requested by the Information Ministry are dutybound to place that information at the disposal of the Information Ministry.

According to the report, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, welcomed a group of families of martyrs of the Martyr Motahhari base at the Islamic Consultative Assembly and wished the martyrs a lofty position and their survivors greater patience and reward from God.

The Majlis will hold another open session at 0700 tomorrow.

NVOI Commentaries Decry Anti-Tudeh Campaign

TA091113 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 7 May 83

[Unattributed commentary: "By These Brutal Acts You Cannot Erase Stigma of Shame From Your Forehead"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The Fascist assaults and the mad tumult and uproar currently unleashed by the government in our homeland are indications of the bitter fact that reactionary forces dependent on U.S. and British imperialism are exerting all their efforts to re-establish their complete domination over our liberated and tormented homeland by exploiting the treachery of the rightist wing and the inconsistency of another group of officials in this government in achieving the goals of the glorious Iranian Revolution and by taking advantage of the inner contradictions in the government which have arisen as a result of disregarding revolutionary aspirations.

The policy of the Islamic Government, which despite the provisions of the Constitution and the announced slogans, has for some time now deviated from its popular course and into a direction favored by the major capitalists and large landowners and their supporters in government and national organs and institutions and in the Islamic Majlis and the Council of Guardians, has caused the discontent of the broad toiling masses. The Islamic Government hoped that with the continuation of the imposed war it could divert public opinion from society's main problems and the revolution's goals, and could blame the war for all shortcomings and delays. Yet despite this and regardless of all the propaganda efforts of the authorities, the people have finally realized that the responsible officials have not gone further than words and promises in achieving the goals of the revolution and the provisions of the Constitution.

Moreover, organs affiliated with the ruling organizations are taking steps more than the day before in violating the rights of workers and toilers. Day by day, they are opening further the path for the restoration of the domination of imperialism and dependent capitalists and landlords.

The Iranian Tudeh party, which by sincere defense of the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line was struggling to safeguard the gains of the revolution and to expand and perpetuate its goals, was the greatest obstacle to renewed imperialist influence and penetration in Iran. Currently, U.S. and British imperialism have mounted an onslaught on this party by those who willingly or not are pouring grist into their mill. At present, they have fastened the stone and unleashed the dog everywhere. Now, the authorities are sending messages, creating tumult and fabricating charges and slanders any way they like. They have employed all the methods of the shah's SAVAK. With complete impudence and by using inhuman tortures, they have allegedly

obtained confessions. They are applying labels and are carrying out all these acts in the name of Islam, not the true Islam but the Islam of Mo'aviyeh and the Islam which has been used as a means for violating right and justice and restoring the domination of imperialism.

The designers of this filthy and treacherous plot also haven't forgotten to involve all authorities in the upper echelons of the leadership as well. As a result of intimations by the foes of the revolution and the people, the situation has reached such a state that, unfortunately, in the imam's message as well there is talk of eradicating the Iranian Tudeh Party. This was enough for the planners of this filthy plot, whether in the Council of Guardians or in the Islamic Majlis and other organs and institutions, to actually involve the imam in this propaganda campaign by issuing messages and statements addressed to the founder of the Islamic Republic, and to depict all their antipeople, inhuman,and immoral acts, this time also and as has been repeatedly observed in the past, as following up the imam's order, message, and line.

In fact, this tumult and these brutal and illegal assaults are a sign of the helplessness and impotence of those who have found no remedy other than resorting to terrorism, persecution, bayonets, prison, lies, and slander to suffocate the people and to divert them from their legal demands. Despite all these futile attempts, which will have no result other than disgracing further the designers of this evil plot, no one has or will have the slightest doubt about the sincerity of the Iranian Tudeh Party toward the genuine interests of workers and toilers. Iran's working and toiling class is itself able to distinguish between right and wrong and between its friends and enemies. Those who wage war against the people and who strive to disgrace its party will not be able to erase the stigma of shame which will remain forever on their foreheads as a result of betraying the aims of the revolution, adopting a pro-rightist and pro-Western stance, and using inquisition and the application of Middle Age torture. They will not be able to save themselves from the people's court of justice and the verdict of history.

'Trite Propaganda' Assailed

TA091412 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 8 May 83

[Unattributed commentary: "Trite Propaganda in Style of Previous Black Era"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The fresh threats and intimidations currently emanating from the throats of unbridled lawbreakers through the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran against the Tudeh Party and its members have caused intensification of the people's indignation toward the activities of those in the government who want to deal another effective blow to the gains of the Iranian Revolution.

These threats and intimidations which are being echoed in the hated and trite tone of the oppressive royal era, in fact, indicate the aggressiveness of the rightwing forces and imperialist mercenaries in the Islamic Government. The Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran announced that members of the so-called defunct Tudeh Party must report to the judicial authorities. Thus, without the slightest vagueness, it is now becoming clear that the pro-American wing, which has managed to secure a firm base for itself in our Islamic Republic, has decided to take revenge on this combatant party that never capitulates. The ignominious, disgraceful,and shameful methods employed in arresting a number of leaders and members of the Iranian Tudeh Party, irrespective of any kind of stage management, are even now regarded as condemned from the viewpoint of the broad toiling masses. These methods will have no better fate than those which threw unbridled self-centrists in the arena of political and social struggles into the dustbin of history.

The subservient mercenaries of bloodthirsty U.S. imperialism, who under various pretexts have always strived to restore imperialist domination in our country, are currently endeavoring with utmost power to further pave the way for implementing their evil aims. The Iranian Tudeh Party, which has exposed imperialist plots step by step and which has spared no sacrifice to safeguard the gains of Iran's popular and anti-imperialist revolution, is the greatest barrier to reactionary forces and all groups and elements who today, by gaining more secure positions, want to prepare conditions for the downfall of the Islamic Republic.

Deviation from the principle stances of the revolution, which was noticeable during the first 2 years after its victory, has caused the creation of favorable grounds for the treacherous and subversive activities of the counterrevolution. At present, the decrees of the Constitition, which are the greatest gains of the revolution, are being violated without the slightest sense of responsibility. There is no sign of the freedoms that the Constitution has granted the people. Willingly or not, in essence, everything is taking place according to the wish and plan of the counterrevolution and the agents of the U.S. imperialists, and on the basis of the trite and ignominious methods of the former regime toward the patriots.

Despite all the perils aimed today by the imperialists and their agents at our revolution, the uproar raised about the Iranian Tudeh Party is a harbinger of more dangerous plots against our people's revolution.

Some time ago, the Iranian Tudeh Party, while analyzing the situation in Iran and the stages that the Iranian Revolution has passed, pointed out that the lack of an organization and an agreed upon detailed program, have left the arena free for maneuvers by the revolution's foes and have allowed them, both in the short term and long term, to implement their satanic divisive plans step by step. Rightist forces, namely, those forces who in reality want to compromise with international imperialism and who want to maintain the foundations of the old system of large landownership and major capitalism and who are hostile to any fundamental change in the interest of society's deprived, have succeeded — despite the few blows dealt them during the dismissal of the liberals' provisional government and after that during the dismissal of Qotbzadeh's and Bani-Sadr's band — in taking advantage of the difference in views between the struggling revlutionary forces, whether between the struggling Muslims and the dissenting forces of the left or among the struggling Muslim forces themselves, to maintain their positions.

At present, we are witnessing the truth of these statements in our society, and it should be stated that it is the very counterrevolu-

tionary forces, the deceived Muslims and the American hojjatis, who by unleashing a tumult against the Iranian Tudeh Party are striving to deal another blow to the popular and anti-imperialist Iranian Revolution so that by this means they may be able to fulfill their evil aims which consist of compromise with imperialism and maintaining the foundations of the sinister former regime.

Moves Against 'Counterrevolutionaries' Reported

LD0/2203 Tehran IRNA in English 1949 GMT 7 May 83

[Text] Urumiyeh, May 7, IRNA — Islamic combatants in their drive against antirevolutionary elements Friday cleared another 20 km of the strategic route of Sar Dasht-Mahabad, west Iran. They also cleared several villages in the region of Takab in West Azarbayjan, killing and injuring 10 antirevolutionaries and bringing the people of these regions under the security of the Islamic combatants.

This successful operation launched during the past 2 days by the Islamic combatants purged a number of villages of outlawed elements.

Mahabad Operation

LD081729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 May 83

[Text] Yesterday, during a surprise operation, the combatants of Islam surrounded a group of counterrevolutionaries in the villages of (?Lachin) and Seyyedabad in the Mahabad area. They killed 30 of them and arrested 3.

According to reports received from the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, during this operation, two vehicles, two motorbikes, and a number of small arms and RPG-7's and ammunition were captured by the forces of Islam.

Border Area 'Liberated'

LD091943 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Continuing their triumphant and uninterrupted operations aimed at rescuing and liberating the noble and Muslim inhabitants of the Kurdish regions in the Islamic homeland from the diabolical crimes committed by the blasphemous minigroups which are affiliated with the global oppressor, the anti-infidel Islamic combatants rely on divine blessings and favor and the particular care of the hidden imam — peace be upon him — as in chief. They are continuing to create fresh epics every day with their own steellike ranks, while dealing incessant blows on the moribund bodies of those dependent on the East and West.

Oh martyr-nurturing nation of Iran, oh bereaved Muslim people of the Kurdish-inhabited areas of the Islamic homeland, the combatant, God-seeking offspring of you, brave nation,comprised of the self-sacrificing personnel of the guards mobilization headquarters of the Guards Corps, Armed Forces, Gendamerie, and Muslim Kurdish peshmergas, liberated more than 90 km remaining of the sensitive Saqqez-Marivan axis, in a 3-stage operation yesterday, mopped up that important strategic border axis, and brought it under full control.

During this successful operation, which was carried out over the past 10 days, the God-seeking combatants of Islam, destroyed a large proportion of the personnel and positions of the puppet counterrevolutionaries who are stablemates of the Zionist Saddam and completely captured that region which was one of the most important axes of enemy penetration into the dear Islamic homeland.

The Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohoda Headquarters, considering itself to be the protector of the Muslim and oppressed Kurdish people, congratulates the Hezbollah nation, particularly the region's oppressed and deprived peoples, on these successive victories.

[Signed] Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, center of joint Guards Corps and Armed Forces operations

Former Naval Commander Reportedly Arrested

GF061706 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 6 May 83

[Text] Captain Afzali, former naval commander, and Colonel 'Atarian, the representative of the imam on the western front, have been arrested. The leading French newspaper, LIBERATION, in a news release today, reported that their arrest, along with seven other high-ranking officials of the Navy and army, was in connection with the Tudeh Party. These people are accused of putting information and documents of the Islamic Republic at the disposal of the Tudeh Party.

Khamene'i Meets With Nicaraguan Ministers

LD092139 Tehran IRNA in English 1917 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 9, IRNA — The visiting Nicaraguan ministers of education and foreign trade, in a meeting with President 'Ali Khamene'i here today, presented a message of the Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Saavedra.

During the meeting the Nicaraguan Minister of Education [title as received] Ernesto Cardenal, who arrived here today, while explaining plots and crimes of U.S. imperialism in Latin America, referred to the brave resistance of Nicaraguans against these plots. He also expressed interests of his government in further expansion of mutual relations between Iran and Nicaragua.

A Nicaraguan economic delegation headed by Foreign Trade Minister Alejandro Martinez arrived in Tehran last Saturday.

The president of the Islamic Republic of Iran told the visiting Nicaraguan officials that the people of Iran considered victory of the Nicaraguan revolution as a victory of their own as it had dealt a blow on the world oppressors and the U.S. Administration. He further added that both countries faced similar issues, one of which was aggression against them. The invasion of Iran by its neighbour, added Khamene'i, has embroiled the country

in a 32-month-old imposed war while the U.S. has been supporting the aggressor. In addition to the U.S. Government which has been supporting the Iraqi Ba'thist regime in the course of the imposed war, the president said, the Soviet Union has been providing it with MIG fighters by the use of which the Iranian border cities have been constantly bombarded.

Experts Say 3,000 Barrels of Oil Daily Flow Into Gulf

GF100730 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1330 GMT 8 May 83

[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. It has been 3 months since oil began entering the waters of the Persian Gulf. According to Iranian experts, about 3,000 barrels of oil daily flows into the Persian Gulf. According to foreign news agencies, the oil is gushing into the Persian Gulf at a rate of 7,000 barrels daily.

Under these circumstances, the third meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Marine Environment was held in Kuwait. In this meeting, several members like Saudi Arabia and the Ba'thist Zionist regime of Iraq were content to send only low level delegations. This fact proves that they do not intend to give sufficient importance to the solution of this problem.

At present 3,000 barrels of oil are added daily to the oil already in the Gulf and one of the two wells which was on fire has now melted and is also leaking, increasing the danger to the entire marine environment. If more oil enters the Gulf, shipping and sea traffic will be in danger.

In view of the problem, the results of this (?dastardly) step by Saddam under the orders of his masters and in coordination with regional reaction are clear to the world. If the solution is delayed any longer the Persian Gulf countries will suffer.

This is one of the lesser problems caused by the spill. According to the managing director of the Iranian Continental Shelf Company, the Islamic Republic of Iran has so far suffered a loss of $800 million. The main losers will be those who surrendered to the wishes of Saddam and his masters and avoided a decisive decision.

The obstructive attitude of Iraq in several meetings at Kuwait and the lack of any serious effort to resolve the regional problem by regional governments and (?international threats) leads us to believe in the internationalism of this plot. The missiles which were fired toward the oil wells were the air-to-sea Exocet missiles of France and were fired from advanced American helicopters and possibly used information supplied by AWACS stationed in Saudi Arabi which are operated by U.S. Air Force personnel. Saddam's Ba'thist insistence to bring in the United Nations to arrange a cease-fire in all the fronts shows the participation of international oppression in this issue and its desire to take political advantage.

However, these steps of the Zionist Iraqi regime to resolve the problem are most foolish. According to international agreements which make oil fields immune from attack, these damaged wells were not in the war zone either before the Iraqi aggression or during the war. Saddam wanted to get a cease-fire and find an excuse for a total cease-fire.

Iran wants only safe passage for the lives of the specialists to cap the oil wells and nothing more. Why the Iraqi regime has opened fire in a no-war zone should be asked/to this regime among hundreds of other questions. The latest statement by Tariq 'Aziz, foreign minister of the Zionist Ba'thist regime of Iraq, on the subject under discussion shows the depth of this regime's aggression. 'Aziz has recently said that this issue cannot be directly discussed since it entails some important political and military dimensions. This should end speculations about Iran taking any undue advantage in this matter and the issue of the wells should end quickly with the acceptance of the conditions set by Iran.

The shaky Iraqi regime, by ignoring all the values of human life and without taking into consideration the rights of 3 million residents of the emirates in the Persian Gulf to their coastal waters and the danger ensuing from the pollution of these waters, has resorted to begging for a cease-fire so that it may refresh itself and continue its aggressions and shameful life longer. However, all the nations of the region and especially our brothers and sisters living in the southern Persian Gulf are fully aware of the nasty goals of international oppression and its traitorous agent Saddam.

Irrespective of all the propoganda against Iran, the Islamic Republic has found a place in the hearts of the oppressed nations of the region and the regional leaders have nothing to do but surrender to the truth and fight against the aggressor. In any case, in order to end the issue of the oil leaking into the Persian Gulf, there is no way but to pressure the aggressor to surrender.

Reportage on Afghan Revolutionaries' Activities

Herat Province Battles

GF070752 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0700 GMT 7 May 83

[Text] In battles against the Soviet forces in HeratProvince late last month, the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries destroyed 2 planes and [word indistinct] 3 helicopters. They also destroyed more than 50 tanks of the Soviet-Afghan Government forces.

Nimruz Province Offensive

GF091634 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 9 May 83

[Text] In one of their offensives, the Afghan Muslim revolutionaries last night gained control over one of the important strategic posts manned by Soviet and Afghan Government forces in Nimruz Province,southern Afghanistan. They killed five Soviet personnel.

Reports from Kabul say that a large number of Afghan citizens have been arrested or declared missing in the past few months. The reports say that men of the Afghan regime's intelligence

service — which is controlled by the Soviet espionage organization — have forcefully entered the homes of Afghan citizens and created an atmosphere of fear, anxiety, and terror.